

Remarks

Claims 1-16 are in this application. Claims 17-28 have been cancelled. Applicants preserve all rights to file one or more divisional or continuation applications for the subject matter of these claims and for any other subject matter disclosed in this application and not claimed at present.

It is respectfully requested that withdrawn claims 7-10 be rejoined in this application in accordance with the provisions of MPEP 821.04. As stated in MPEP821.04“ where restriction was required between a product and a process of making and/or using the product, and the product invention was elected and subsequently found allowable, all claims to a nonelected process invention must depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable claim for the claims directed to that process invention to be eligible for rejoinder.”

Although the nonstatutory double patenting rejection is a provisional rejection because the subject applications have not been patented, to expedite prosecution a terminal disclaimer in respect of US patent applications 10/935,708 filed on September 7, 2004 and 10/475,735 filed on October 23, 2003 is attached.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the provisional double patenting rejections be withdrawn.

This application is in condition for allowance and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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